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ONE QUARTER OF RHINE EAST BANK CAPTURED

New Large-Scale American Offensive In Remagen Bridgehead

LONDON, March 25. (Reuter)

Almost one quarter of the east bank of the German Rhine is in Allied hands, 36 hours after the launching of the main attack. The three bridgeheads officially confirmed at General Eisenhower's headquarters and one south of Coblenz announced by the Germans total now 100 miles on 430 miles of the German Rhine, writes Reuter's Military Correspondent.

NO SIGNS OF COUNTER-ATTACK

This means that the construction of bridges in a great quantity can begin at once to enable the enormous build-up that will be required for a thrust inland. Until this is concluded the bridgehead cannot be said to have been absolutely secured. But it is significant that after almost 48 hours there is still no news of any German counter-attack in strength, while the bridgeheads were at their weakest.

Field Marshal Kesselring is obviously uncertain whether to commit his main force at this stage or wait until he is certain of the Allied plan. He has enough troops on the northern sector to be a serious nuisance if he chooses to attack. But if he does that, there is no telling what will happen behind his back in the Remagen and Frankfurt areas.

General Patton, according to German reports, has two armoured divisions across the Rhine and is "motoring" into Darmastadt and approaching Frankfurt from the south, while the other crossing south of Coblenz is approaching the city from the north-west. So far General Patton has met no serious and organised resistance and the further he penetrates the less likely is it that the Germans can rally local forces. Their only way is to detach the divisions from other fronts and that is just what they cannot do at present.

"Monty's" Men Firmly Across Rhine

With Field Marshal Montgomery's men firmly across the Rhine on a 25 to 30 mile front the possibility of a giant Allied pincer movement round the great Ruhr industrial area has developed with the news—so far only reported by the Germans—that the Americans in the Remagen bridgehead had unleashed a "large scale offensive" towards the east along the whole 28-mile front.

Late this evening a front line report stated that Field Marshal Montgomery's bridgehead was now between eight and nine miles at the greatest depth. Ground troops are in firm contact with the airborne forces and are pushing on steadily.

General Simpson's army troops have captured the important town of Dinslaken, four miles north of Duisburg and on the main road and 'autobahn' out of the Ruhr to the north.

Churchill Too Crosses Rhine

Visits Wesel With Montgomery

LONDON, March 25. (Reuter): The British Broadcasting Corporation's correspondent said today: "This afternoon, Prime Minister Winston Churchill crossed Rhine in a landing craft on the American Ninth Army's beachhead sector and spent a quarter of an hour walking around, inspecting signs of yesterday's battle on the eastern bank.

"With Mr. Churchill were Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Sir Alan Brooke, Field Marshal Montgomery and General Simpson.

"Later Mr. Churchill made a short cruise along the Rhine in the landing craft—his first cruise on this great river since he sailed it in a motor-torpedo boat just after the Last War. Mr. Churchill said that he would like to see Wesel so the party drove north. Mr. Churchill, leading the party, climbed on to the first span of the great Wesel bridge which retreating guns had destroyed and inspected the ruins of the town through his binoculars. The Prime Minister spent three hours in the Ninth Army sector".

The Prime Minister looked extremely well pleased and the Commander-in-Chief was heard to say that he was well satisfied with the progress of the battle.

Kher Leaves For Wardha

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Mr. B. G. Kher left for Wardha this afternoon to attend a meeting of the Hindustani Talimi Sangh.

He is expected to return on the 29th instant.

RED PINCER ON VIENNA

THREAT TO NAZIS' SOUTHERN ARSENAL INCREASES

MOSCOW, March 25 (Reuter).—Marshal Tolbukhin's armies are hitting forward over the last 80 miles separating them from Vienna.

Attacking on a 70-mile front they were tonight within artillery range of the railway centre of Gyor, only 27 miles from the Austrian frontier and within striking distance of the important line linking Gyor with Graz, second largest town in Austria.

What may prove to be thrusts to destroy the Wehrmacht in the east are now rapidly taking shape as more and more sectors of the Soviet-German front go into action.

The German Command is tonight faced with the probability of being forced in the near future to wage heavy battles along a 400-mile front from Stettin to the approaches to the Austrian capital.

Vienna, with all that the city means to German prestige and to German hopes of a last ditch stand in the south, is the goal of the Soviet pincers slow beginning to close. With Marshal Tolbukhin's tanks sweeping through Western Hungary and Marshal Koniev's storm troops levering heavily on the German flanking positions guarding the Moravian Gap, the threat to the great southern arsenal of the German war machine is quickening with every hour.

South of Gyor, the Hungarian railway junction of Papa which has been heavily bombed recently, is now menaced by Soviet columns converging from the east and south-east.

The backbone of the German defences has been broken over a wide sector stretching towards the southern bank of the Danube and enemy units east of Gyor face the prospect of being pinned against the river and cut off just as were other German troops before the battle of Budapest.

At the northern end of the front the Russians are driving into the outskirts of both Dunajska Streda and Danzig is reported to be jammed with nearly a million people including a large number of refugees from Pomerania and East Prussia.

GERMAN FLEET ACTIVE IN DANZIG BAY

MOSCOW, March 25 (U. P. A.): "Pravda's" frontline correspondent revealed to-day that the German fleet in Danzig Bay was shelling Zoppot, which fell into Soviet hands several days ago, in order to stem attacks on Danzig itself. This is the first mention of the whereabouts of the German fleet.

The Germans in Danzig have mobilized the entire male population born between 1884 and 1929 to defend the port against the final Soviet drive.

New Conception Of French Union

Indo-China To Have Federal Govt.

PARIS, March 25. (Reuter): Far-reaching constitutional changes in the relations between France and various parts of her Empire were announced by the Minister of Colonies, Paul Giacobi in a broadcast to-day. He spoke with special reference to Indo-China which will, as soon as liberated be granted political and economic autonomy within a federation of the five countries of Indo-China—Tonkin, Cochin China, Cambodge, Laos and Annam. Parliamentary institutions will be set up for each country. The Federal Government will be presided over by a Governor-General and composed of Ministers chosen from the Indo-Chinese and French residents and responsible to him.

It is intended to integrate this new Indo-Chinese Federation in the "French Union."

Indo-China will have full economic autonomy and will be encouraged to develop her industries, agriculture and other trade with foreign countries Goaccobi told Reuter's special correspondent that Indo-China will also have complete freedom in currency matters. Local currency will no longer be tied to the Franc.

"This conception of a great French Union including France and various parts of her Empire is an original one and differs from that of the Dominions inside the British Commonwealth," he added. "The fact that Indo-Chinese are fighting alongside French troops in resisting the Japanese army appears to make it opportune moment to proclaim this plan now. To say that we have been actuated in any way by talk in some quarters of so-called international trusteeship for colonial areas is to overlook the simple fact that this is a long nurtured plan towards which the French authorities have been working their way for a number of years."

PONDICHERRY, March 25 (A. P. I.): It is officially learned that His Excellency Louis Bonvin, Governor of French India, accompanied by M. Pierre Brutinel, Chief Secretary, is proceeding to Paris by air. The object of the visit is not officially disclosed. The Governor will stay in France for two or three weeks according to official information.

HELL LET LOOSE EAST OF RHINE

Extinction Threatens Germans: End Of War Well In Sight

(From D. F. Karaka, "Chronicle" War Correspondent)

S. H. A. E. F., March 24: All hell has broken loose east of Rhine. Ruhr has been in flames and north of it, British Second and American Ninth armies have made several crossings on the wide front and appear to be sweeping everything before them. Further east, airborne troops have been successfully landed piercing through German resistance like sharp knife.

The end of war is well in sight and it is doubtful if Germany can hold out another month now. For three weeks, Ruhr has been plastered by heaviest Allied bombing. Never before has air power been used with such paralysing effect. The concentration of high explosive on 600 sq. miles constituting Ruhr in a rectangle made by Duisburg, Dusseldorf, Soest and Ahlen has reduced Germany's greatest industrial area virtually to pulp.

But the spearhead of Allied recent attack is further north avoiding the congested area of Ruhr. Too much time would have been wasted had Ruhr itself been the battle ground. It would have meant street-fighting and slow progress. But Gen. Montgomery's decision to land north of it makes the drive into northern Germany easier to accomplish. Ruhr can effectively be isolated and neutralised without actually fighting through it. Prior to Rhine crossings north Ruhr area bound by Ahaus, Munster Dulmen, Haltern and Wesel was plastered by Allied bombers yesterday.

WHOLE TOWNS ABLAZE

Complete devastation was reported with whole towns left burning. Reports reaching here indicated little sign of movement in that area. One bomber pilot said "not a puff of smoke from a single railway engine and no sign of enemy aircraft". All's quiet on the Western Front only as in the graveyard. S.H.A.E.F. in a confident, though cautious comment says: "All is going well and entirely according to plan. Enemy forward positions are not too strongly held and more powerful forces are yet to be encountered. Present crossings of Gen. Montgomery are north and south of Wesel above the river Lippe which hits Rhine at right angles. At least four crossings have been reported but these can only be called bridgeheads when sufficiently strengthened. They began at nine o'clock on last night with Argylls and Sutherland Highlanders stepping across into Rees area followed by Americans of Ninth Army who crossed at two o'clock the same night. Where the First Allied airborne army has landed is not yet disclosed but first supplies have already reached them by air which would indicate the strength in which they have landed and established themselves.

Nothing can save Germany now nor is it possible to stem the Allied offensive. With the Rhine a strong bastion of German defence is lost. In pear to be on their side.

North Ruhr, river Ems appears to be the only defensive line on way to Bremen. Nazi stubbornness which persists to carry on the fight to the bitter end is reducing Germany to shambles.

OVERWHELMING AIR SUPERIORITY

In the last five days' operations American Ninth Air Force flew 12,000 sorties to blast enemy communication centres, railroad yards, fortified towns, troops and armour in Ruhr and Rhineland alone. This constitutes a most intensive series of attacks since it began operations from Britain in the Autumn of 1943. Between bombers and fighter-bombers 7,626 tons of bombs were dropped in this area. Against such overwhelming air superiority, and such crushing bombardment from air, even Kesselring can do little. His stonewalling tactics though successful to an extent, in northern Italy, can be of little avail here.

It is just hell let loose and only God can save Germans from extinction now and even God does not appear to be on their side.

RELEASE INDIAN LEADERS

Civil Liberties Council Demand

LONDON (Saturday): (Reuter): The National Council for Civil Liberties at the annual meeting to-day passed a resolution demanding the immediate release of imprisoned Indian leaders who are opposed to Fascism, and the granting to India the civil liberties established in this country.

Gandhiji Will Stay For Six Days In City

BOMBAY, Sunday.

According to the latest information Gandhiji's stay in the city will be limited to six days during which he will be busy attending the meetings of the trustees of the Kasturba Memorial Fund. Gandhiji's desire seems to be to return to Sevagram after the meetings of the trustees. But doctors want him to shift to a cooler place like Panchgani. Whether he will return to Sevagram or proceed to Panchgani or some other hill station will be known later.

Increase Love For Khadi And Serve Villages

Mahatma Exhorts All To Spin And Produce More Khadi

WARDHAGANJ, March 25 (A. P. I.): Mahatma Gandhi, addressing a meeting of A. I. S. A. Trustees and Khadi workers this evening, said:—

"The rule of giving half an anna worth yarn for the purchase of Khadi worth one rupee is generally meant for big cities, and I would desire that all should spin and produce their Khadi. Khadi is an emblem of Truth and Non-Violence. Such an exchange of yarn may result in reducing the number of Khadi workers, but we should carry on our work in that direction and ultimately we shall succeed."

Mahatma Gandhi added: "We have to achieve Swaraj and establish 'Dharmaraj' or God's Kingdom by resorting to Truth and Non-Violence. None can injure or insult you, if you follow the practice of Non-Violence. Untruth cannot stand Truth, but Truth triumphs.

We should increase our love for Khadi and serve villages. Khadi is like the sun in the planetary system, and all other village industries will revolve round it. You should make all your dependants wear Khadi.

"MOST GENEROUS-MINDED CITIZEN"

Mahatma's Tribute To Late Mr. Kallenbach

SEWAGRAM, March 25 A. P. I.): "South Africa has lost a most generous-minded citizen and the Indians of that sub-continent, a very warm friend," observed Mahatma Gandhi, when interviewed about Mr. M. Kallenbach's death—his old associate in South Africa.

"In Hermann Kallenbach's death", Mahatma Gandhi continued, "I have lost a very dear and near friend. He used to say to me often that when I was deserted by the whole world, I would find him to be a true friend going with me, if need be, to the end of the earth in search of truth. He used to spend at one time £75 per month on his person alone. But he so revolutionized his life that his monthly personal expenses amounted to under eight pounds. This lasted while we lived together in a cottage seven miles from Johannesburg. When I left South Africa, he reverted in large part to his original life though mostly eschewing the things of life he had deliberately left."

"He came in close touch with the late patriot Mr. G. K. Gokhale who held him in high system. It may be noted that together with Henry Polak, Mr. H. Kallenbach was arrested for marching with me from Natal to Transvaal."

Soviet Counter-Move Against Britain

Demand For Independent Representation For White Russia And Ukraine

LONDON, March 25 (U.P.I.): Observers in close touch with Russian diplomatic circles report that the Soviet Delegation to the San Francisco Conference is expected to insist on independent representation for White Russia and Ukraine in addition to the Russian representation in the World Security Organisation.

It is understood that the White Russian and Ukrainian representative will accompany the Soviet Delegation to San Francisco.

As the present procedure gives a single vote to each State participating in the Conference there is widespread speculation in political circles in London whether the Soviet move is intended to counter the preponderant weightage which Britain would enjoy owing to each Self-Governing Unit of the British Commonwealth having a separate vote in the Conference.

WAVELL TO ANNOUNCE NEW POLICY

LONDON, March 23 (U.P.I.): The topic of discussion continues to be the Lord Wavell's visit to London. Parliament members in the lobbies were busy discussing whether the visit would lead to the release of political leaders and the ending of deadlock.

It is quite likely, say the informed circles, that if the Viceroy and the British Cabinet agree, Lord Wavell will announce a new policy from London and also hold fresh elections to the Central Legislatures which are now twelve years old. Of course, all this presupposes the release of the Congress leaders.

Dr. Naidu's Plea For Responsible Govt. In Madras

MADRAS, March 25 (AP.I.): Dr. P. Varadarajulu Naidu in a statement to the 'Associated Press' says:—

"With reference to my recent 'interview with H. E. the Governor of Madras some members of the Madras Legislatures, have asked me, whether the Governor would impose conditions on the Congress Party in case the Congress decides to come back to office. H. E. Sir Arthur Hope is constitutional minded and so far as I understand him, he keeps an open mind in regard to current political issues.

NO ALL PARTY GOVT. FOR SIND

Syed Fears Non-Leaguer Muslims Would Then Be Included

KARACHI, March 25 (U. P. I.): Mr. G. M. Syed, M.L.A., President of the Sind Provincial Muslim League, has clarified the Muslim League stand in connection with the Congress Assembly Party's resolution favouring an All-Party Government.

Mr. Syed says: "The statement issued by the Congress Assembly Party needs clarification as it is likely to create misunderstanding in so far as my stand is concerned vis-a-vis an All-Party Government in Sind.

"I had made it clear to Mr. R. K. Sidhwa, leader of the Congress Assembly Party, when he broached the subject of an All-Party Government, that the Muslim League Assembly Party would willingly consider a League - Congress - Hindu-Independent-Party coalition in Sind. But under no circumstances will the League envisage such a proposal, if it means a coalition with the group of Muslims under Khan Bahadur Moulabux who are not members of the Muslim League Assembly Party."

STOP PRESS

FRESH RUSSIAN GAINS

MOSCOW, March 25 (Reuter): Esztergom, 20 miles north-west of Budapest, and Wittamin, just over one mile south-west of Gdynia, have been captured by the Red Army.

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HEILIGENBEIL FALLS

MOSCOW, March 25 (Reuter).—Heiligenbeil, the last German stronghold on Frisches Haff, has been captured by the Red Army.

All-Out Assault On Calcutta Cloth Profiteers

Police Throw Cordon Round City: Search And Seal 3,000 Textile Shops And Godowns

CALCUTTA, March 25. (A.P.I.)

What is believed to be the biggest raid for many years in Calcutta was made by the police and officers of the Civil Supplies Department to-day when they simultaneously searched and sealed nearly 3,000 wholesale textile shops and godowns in the main cloth trade area of the city.

The raid was designed as the first of a series of steps which the Government of Bengal propose to take in order to wipe out the anti-social activities of hoarders, profiteers and black marketeers in cloth and yarn. The drive was carried out by 102 parties consisting of special constables, constables, post-raid information service and the Enforcement Branch of the Calcutta Police under the supervision of the Police Commissioner, the Director-General of Enforcement Branch and the Director-General of Consumer goods. It was probably the longest raid in the history of the province lasting from 7-30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

A police cordon was thrown round Calcutta yesterday and the movement of all cloth and yarn from the city to other districts was prohibited.

Preliminary reports show that the contents of these sealed shops and godowns vary from three to 5,000 bales of cloth or yarn. Moreover, textiles worth about three lakhs of rupees were unearthed from under staircases, in compounds, and passage-ways of houses.

Isolated bales seized from unlicensed premises are reported to amount to well over a thousand.

Each owner or occupier of cloth or yarn godown in the raided area was required to furnish a complete list of every place of storage of his goods and under the provisions of the Calcutta Cotton Cloth and Yarn Emergency (Search) Order, any cloth or yarn found in places not so declared would be confiscated by Government.

The Director-General of the Enforcement Branch, Mr. P. J. Griffiths, and the Director-General of Consumer Goods, Mr. W. S. F. Tully, in a joint Press statement say, "It was obvious during to-day's raid that this large-scale drive was welcomed by the public, who rightly regarded it as a sign, that Government are determined to smash the black market.

"The attack which began in Calcutta to-day will continue in one form or another throughout the province during the weeks to come.

"It is however intended to give hoarders one last chance. They will shortly be called on to declare their stocks and from that time onwards energetic measures will be taken to locate and confiscate all undeclared stocks."

HALF-NAKED WOMEN CLAMOUR FOR CLOTH

MUNSHIGANJ (Dacca), March 25 (U. P. I.): About one thousand half-naked men, women, and children from villages paraded the streets of Munshiganj on March 23, demanding cloth and shouting slogans. A crowd approached the Sub-Divisional Officer's bungalow gate which was closed. Later rationing of cloth was demanded at a public meeting.

No Stoppage Of Mills In Ahmedabad

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, March 24.

Coal situation was again considered by the general meeting of Mill Owners' Association and it is understood there will be no stoppage of mills at due to coal shortage during current month, though there is no probable improvement in coal

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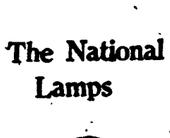

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Political Crisis Developing In Holland

Catholic Church And Commercial Interests Encourage Neo-Fascist Ideas

LONDON, March 25 (U.P.I): A political crisis of some magnitude seems to be developing in Holland. Queen Wilhelmina's visit to liberated Holland is designed to blockade the Resistance Movement which is extremely dissatisfied with the recent reshuffle of the Dutch Cabinet.

London representatives of various Dutch Resistance Groups state that the Royal visit is not likely either to assuage the people's hunger or satisfy their political aspirations.

The criticism of the new Cabinet of the Dutch Premier, Prof. Gerbrandy, which has driven even moderate Socialists like Albreda and Vanden Temple to political wilderness, is voiced both in the ravished and famine-stricken northern area and liberated territories where the Netherlands military Administration is employing exasperating bureaucratic methods in dealing with urgent economic and political problems

It is pointed out that the real cause of dissatisfaction is not only inefficiency but the fact that dominant sections of Dutch politicians and officials favour the reorganisation of Holland after liberation on the model of a corporate State as opposed to the people's desire for a democratic regime.

This trend to neo-Fascist ideas is being encouraged partly by the Hierarchy Catholic Church but mostly by industrial and commercial interests which are planning both to strengthen their hold on the Netherlands domestic economy and intensify the exploitation of the Dutch Colonies after their reconquest from the Japanese.

It is significnt that many important administrative positions both in London and Holland are occupied by individuals closely identified with monopolist interests and they are resorting to splitting tactics to create divisions in the Resistance Groups.

The Dutch Progressive Movement is, however, aware of the danger of internal divisions. It is trying to establish a broad democratic front, clear of religious and political schisms, with a view to countering reaction.

"NO QUARTER TO CORRUPTION"

Cut Motions Withdrawn On Khan Saheb's Assurance

PESHAWAR, March 25 (U. P. I.): "Regarding corruption cases I have already stated that an anti-corruption tribunal willl be set up to make inquiry in such cases and bring the persons concerned to book. I will not sit content unless and until by my deeds I prove to the outside world that corruption has been totally eradicated from this Province", said Dr. Khan Sahib, the Premier, replying to the speech of Haji Faqir Khan who moved and later withdrew on the assurance of the Premier a cut motion of one rupee to the Government demand for grants in respect of irrigation works.

Nawabzada Allanawaz (Congress) moved a cut motion to the demand under land and later withdrew it on the instance of the Finance Minister Mr. Bhanjuram Gandhi.

Criticising the Government of India's fiscal policy the Nawabzada said: "The so-called Crown or Government lands are in reality our own lands as the Government being a foreign one cannot have any justification to own them. For this only we Indians are to be blamed as our Nawabs and Jagirdars are mere instruments in the hands of British Imperialism."

Characterising the National War Front as "National Exploitation Front" he condemned the authorities concerned for "the extortion of money from the poor tillers of the land who live from hand to mouth."

In conclusion he appealed to the Congress Government to adopt a benevolent means so that the conditions of the poor peasants of the Province might be ameliorated.

BENGAL WAR FRONT LEADER DEAD

CALCUTTA, March 24 (A.P.I.): The death occurred at Jalpaiguri to-night of Sir A. F. Rahman, leader of the Provincial War Front, Bengal. He was aged 56.

A deep scholar, Sir A. F. Rahman was Vice-Chancellor of the Dacca University for a term. He also served as a member of the Central Public Services' Commission for some time before he joined his present post last year.

Davar's College Social Gathering

The annual social gathering of the Davar's College of Commerce was held on Saturday evening at Sir Cowasjee Jehangir Hall in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering when Mr. K. R. P. Shroff was in the chair.

After a programme of music and variety entertainment was gone through Prof. Sorab R. Davar, Principal of the College, in the course of his annual report of the College among other things said. "Davar's College continues its work primarily as the premier College for the training in Professional Diplomas and we are receiving, as usual generous support from students from all parts of India."

He said: A large number of ex-students of this College, who have qualified for positions through passing these examinations are at present holding important appointments in different parts of India."

The prizes of the Annual Athletic Sports and the College Examination were then distributed to the successful students.

PROTECTION FOR INSURANCE POLICY HOLDERS

Govt. Of India's Move Against Racketeers In Company Business

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, March 25.

Government of India have decided to set up a committee forthwith to enquire into the recent attempt of certain individuals to acquire control over insurance companies.

The matter was raised in the Assembly by Mr. Chapman Mortimer last week. Government of India, I learn, hold allegations are substantially correct and unless immediate action was taken reserves created by some old insurance companies were likely to be frittered away.

The step has been necessitated for protection of a large body of policy holders.

Sir Cowasji Jehangir is likely to be one of the members of the Committee full personnel of which will be announced during this week.

NO RELEASE OF AILING BENGAL WOMEN PRISONERS

Home Secretary's "No" To Assembly Interpellations

CALCUTTA, March 24 (A.P.I.)—In the Bengal Legislative Assembly today, Mr. Atul Chandra Sen asked whether in view of the recent political change in the neighbouring province of Assam, which was nearer to the war front than this Province, and in view of the fact that they were going to release political prisoners there, Government would consider the desirability of revising the policy which was announced by the Chief Minister of Bengal and release forthwith all the ailing security prisoners, specially ailing women security prisoners.

Khan Bahadur Mohammed Ali, Parliamentary Secretary to the Home Minister replied: The policy adopted by the Chief Minister is more progressive than that of the province mentioned by the Hon. Member, and I will draw attention of the Hon. Member to the fact that it was only recently that Assam proposed to lift the ban on Congress organisations whereas the Chief Minister here announced its withdrawal in four districts of Bengal long ago.

Mr. Sen: Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to State whether he is aware that in the Province of Assam there are no ailing security prisoners still in jail?

Khan Bahadur: I do not know; there might or might not be. But I believe that they have no terrorist prisoners of the type we have in Bengal.

These interpellations arose out of a question asked by Miss Mira Dutta Gupta if Government proposed to release Mrs. Labanya Das Gupta and Miss Shaila Sen on grounds of health. The Khan Bahadur replied in the negative.

Khuhro's Trial To-day

SUKKUR, March 22, (A P I): The sessions trial of Khan Bahadur Khuhro, his brother and three other accused who are charged with conspiracy to murder the late Mr. Allahabux will open before Mr. B B Paymaster on March 26. Over 60 prosecution witnesses will be examined.

Admission to the Court will be restricted.

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Anti-Segregation Council's Protest

"Natal Congress Officials Not Entitled To Speak For Indians"

DURBAN, March 24 (Reuter): The anti-Segregation Council, Durban, has to-day telegraphed to the Prime Minister stating that Indians will not consider themselves bound by any decision arrived at by the South African Indian Congress Executive in Capetown to-day if the present officials of the Natal Indian Congress are a party to such a decision.

The telegram further protests against the desire of the "Kajee-Pather group" to send representatives to San Francisco to discuss the South African Indian problem with representatives of the Indian Government. In view of the postponed Natal Congress elections and the "impending Supreme Court action", the anti-Segregation Council considers that the existing Natal Congress officials are not entitled to speak for Natal Indians, an overwhelming majority of whom have no confidence in these officials.

Copies of the telegram were also addressed to the President of the South African Indian Congress, Indian High Commissioner and the Commissioner for Immigration and Asiatic Affairs.

STUDENTS STAND FOR INTERNATIONALISM

Dange On India's Cultural Revolt At London Conference

LONDON, March 25 (U.P.I.)—The Federation of India Students' Societies in Great Britain held its 9th annual conference at Friends' International Centre in London this afternoon.

Internationalism was the dominant theme of the Conference and the audience was appropriately international including representatives of African, British, French and South American youths.

The Conference laid special stress on the part of the Indian and Colonial youths in the struggle for freedom and democracy.

In the first session Mr. Ernest Madero, a Mexican youth, said that Mexico was profoundly interested in the Indian struggle for freedom.

Miss Kitty Boomla outlining the demands of Indian youths for the extension of educational and cultural facilities emphasised that these demands were parts of the wider national demand and could only be realised under a National Government.

Mr. Maungohn, a Burmese student, focalised the whole discussion by insisting that British and other European youths must realise the necessity of fighting not only Fascism but also Imperialism.

In the second session Mr. Dange, ex-President of the All-India Trade Union Congress, spoke on India's cultural revolt. Outlining the various stages of this revolt Mr. Dange affirmed that India's cultural revolt was expressive of the Indian people's political and social aspirations. It articulated their democratic fight for national liberation and expressed their internationalism.

FRANCO'S LAST HOPES IN MONARCHY

PARIS, By Mail (I.P.S.): Gen. Franco is placing his last hopes on a restoration of the Monarchy in Spain, calculating that Britain, with her love of the thrones, will support that regime in Spain." This was the declaration of Benezette, the Paris Radio Commentator recently.

MIGHTY SWAY OF "KING COTTON"

India To Follow Production Methods Of U. S. And Canada

MONTREAL, March 23 (Reuter): Dr. Nazir Ahmed, Director of the Cotton Laboratory, Bombay, is here on a three months' technical research mission in Canada and the United States. He is visiting leading universities and industrial research plants.

Dr. Ahmed says that "King Cotton" is still supreme and 80 per cent of all textiles are still cotton, despite attempts to find a substitute.

As a result of Japan's vain attempt to rule all Asia, India is a new second to the United States in the world's cotton production.

Dr. Ahmed is greatly satisfied with what he has seen and learned of production methods in Canada and the United States, which will be adopted in India. He has purchased scientific equipment and will buy more with funds from his Government, he said in an interview during his visit to McGill University.

KASTURBHAI ON HIS MISSION TO U. S.

AHMEDABAD, March 23 (A.P.I.): Mr. Kasturbhai Lalbhai, representative of the Government of India to the meeting of the Textile Committee of the Combined Production and Resources Board to be held at Washington is leaving to-morrow by air for Karachi 'en route' to Washington.

Interviewed by a representative of the 'A. P. of India', he said that he would discuss with the representatives of the United States of America and United Kingdom problems relating to the production and distribution of cotton textiles. He added that India had made enormous sacrifices in providing clothing for the Middle Eastern countries as well as countries like Australia and Africa. The acute scarcity of cloth experienced by the people in this country could largely be attributed to the exports to these countries and large demands of the Government for war requirements.

Speaking about the Indian Industrial Mission which he is likely to join in the United Kingdom in May, Mr. Kasturbhai Lalbhai said that he was full of hope and confidence about the expansion and growth of industries in India after the war.

CALCUTTA, March 25 (U.P.I.)—It is learnt the Government of Bengal have intimated to the Central Government that they would like to send 75 students from Bengal for training abroad according to the Sargent Scheme under which 300 students proposed to be sent from India.

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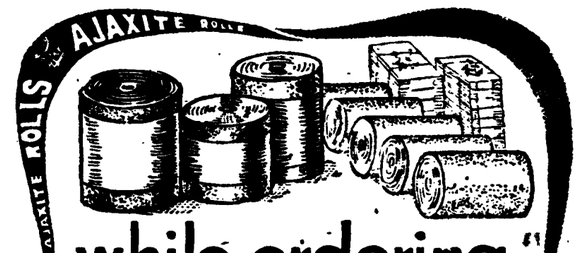

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CONGRESS ENROLMENT IN CITY.

Over sixty thousand primary members have been enrolled in the city of Bombay so far. But the target which the Congress has decided to reach is one lakh. The dead line is March 31. Ward Committees have brisked up the enrolment campaign.

ADVISER ON CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS

BANGALORE, March 23 (A.P.I.): The Government of Mysore propose to employ the services of Mr. M. Ruthnaswamy, Chancellor of the Annamalai University, to advise the Government on certain constitutional questions. His present position as Vice-Chancellor will not be affected.

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To-day's Engagements

FIRING PRACTICE: Artillery firing practice will take place in Bombay on April 13, 17 and 27 in addition to the dates already announced (April 3, 4 5 6 10 11 12 18 19 20 24 25 and 26).

MAZDAZNAN ART EVENING: To-day at 6-15 p m at Mazdaznan Temple Hall, Opp. Churchgate Station. Art Evening when Dr. Trivikram and others will speak on various topics of Art.

BOMBAY SUBURBAN CIVIC VOTERS' ASSOCIATION: The adjourned 2nd quarterly Meeting of the Association will be held at Albert Building, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay, today (Monday) at 5-30 p m (N S T)

TATA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES: Under the auspices of the Institute, Mr. Dinkar Desai will deliver a public lecture on "The Labour Problem" at the Nagpada Neighbourhood House at 6-30 p m today (Monday) Mr. Kanji Dwarkadas will preside.

BADRUDDIN TAYABJI CENTENARY CELEBRATION: Under the auspices of Badruddin Tayabji Centenary Celebration Committee a public meeting will be held on Thursday (29th March) at 6-30 p.m. at Blavatsky Hall. The Mayor will preside and Mr. B. G. Kher, Mr. Justice Chagla, Prof. Wadia and others will speak.

BARKOOR BILLAVA CHARITY SANGHA: The Karnatak Friends' Union (Dramatic Branch) will stage a historical Kannada drama written and directed by Mr. K. R. Bolar in aid of the above Sangha, on the 6th April 1945 at 8.30 p m at Bhangwadi Theatre, Kalbadevi Road.

"G" WARD DISTRICT CONGRESS COMMITTEE: There will be a elocution, Essay and Spinning Competition during the National Week to be celebrated from 6th to 13th April 1945. Those, who desire to take part in the Competition should see the Honorary Secretary of the "G" Ward District Congress Committee for further particulars.

ALLEGED PROFITEERING
(From Our Correspondent)
BANDRA, March 23

For what is alleged to be a sale of a pair of white dhoties (10 yards) at black-market rate, Uodhoji Ramji of Borivli, has been arrested by Sub-Inspector H. B. Ayhre, of the Food Control Branch, Bombay Suburban District and is being prosecuted for profiteering and selling without a licence as the license of his shop in Bombay City cannot be used in the Suburbs.

BOMBAY, Saturday.

Mrs. Goolbai M. Desai, Miss R. N. Dubash and J. M. Desai who were charged under the Defence of India Rules (violating Rationing Regulation) in connection with a marriage ceremony of Parsees at Albless Baug or 23-5-44, when more than 49 persons were alleged to have been served with eatables were ordered to be discharged by the Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon Court.

GUNTUR, March 24 (A.P.I.)—Sir C. R. Reddy was re-elected Vice-Chancellor of the Andhra University.

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U. S. Battleships Shell Jap Coastal Objectives

Allied Troops Occupy Kume On Main Mandalay Trunk Road

United States Pacific Fleet Adv. Hq. Guam (Sunday) A.P.I.: Vice-Admiral Hitscher's carrier force sent raiders on Friday and yesterday against Ryukyu islands despite bad weather, Admiral Chester Nimitz announced in his 'communique' to-day.

The raids extended the attacks made over four straight days beginning last Sunday against southern Japan.

Battleships also shelled coastal objectives. A United States destroyer was seriously damaged and a heavier warrhip suffered some damage. Admiral Nimitz said, the action on March 21 was so intense in one phase that 50 Japanese planes were shot down at a loss of three American fighters. In the Ryukyu, the attack targets included the big naval and airbase of Okinawa, Minamidaito and Kurama.

The battleship's attack on the Ryukyus was the closest surface action to the Japanese homeland yet fought.

Formosa Bombed

General MacArthur Hq. (Manila) (Saturday). American heavy bombers dropped 145 tons bombs on Formosa on Friday, and raided Cebu in Central Philippines with 116 tons, announced Gen. MacArthur's 'communique' to-day.

Bombers destroyed or damaged nine freighters and tankers in the China and Sulu seas. In the Formosa raid, the Americans hit Tainan aerodrome and Okayama naval airbase.

Many Japanese planes were put out of action on Formosa, where gun emplacements were silenced. Fires and explosions were observed in warehouses and railyards. On Cebu, fires and explosions around Cebu city indicated destruction of stores and ammunition.

Allies Occupy Kume

ADV. HJ., ALFSEA, March 25 (A. P. I.): To-day's S.E.A.C. 'communique' says:

LAND: FOURTEENTH ARMY FRONT: Advancing swiftly from Wundwin an armoured column has occupied Kume on the main Mandalay trunk road 15 miles south of Kyaukse, and Langwa, two miles further northeast. Two trains loaded with stores were captured.

Other troops cleared four villages west of Kyaukse, aainst stiff opposition.

Our forces moving southwards along the Axis of the Irrawaddy towards the oilfields area are overcoming Japanese resistance.

In the Letse area (32 miles southwest of Kyaukse, against stiff opposition a dominating feature and encountered heavy opposition.

FIFTEENTH INDIAN CORPS FRONT: Japanese positions southeast of Letmauk (60 miles south-east of Akyab) were engaged by our artillery and mortars.

CHINESE ADVANCE

NORTHERN COMBAT AREA COMMAND: Chinese first army troops yesterday advanced several miles along the Lashio-Hsipaw road, meeting only slight resistance. Troops of the 50th Division after cutting the road to Mongyai and Kong Kung are now within three miles of the advancing first army.

53 JAP SHIPS SUNK IN CARRIER STRIKE

With Admiral Mitscher's American Task Force off Japan, March 20 (Delayed) (A.P.A.)—Latest pilot reports, while still incomplete, indicate that 53 Japanese ships were sunk or damaged in American carrier assaults on the Japanese fleet and homeland islands on March 18 and 19.

All this damage was inflicted despite attempts of the Japanese fleet and air force to flee from the American naval and carrier-borne air forces.

Preliminary reports had said at least 30 Japanese ships were sunk or damaged, including 17 warcraft, in last week's mission against Japan.

SPANISH GOVT.'S STRONG NOTE OF PROTEST TO JAPAN

MADRID (Saturday) (Reuter): Foreign Ministry announced to-day that the Spanish Government through its Minister in Tokyo has sent a strong note of protest to Japan "for atrocities committed by Japanese troops against Spanish subjects in the Philippines personally and in their property."

At the same time, the Japanese Government has been informed that Spain has decided to withdraw her protection of Japanese interests in countries at war with Japan or which have broken off relations with Japan.

The Associated Press of America adds that the Japanese Minister to Madrid, Yakichiro Suma, has already burned his papers and packed his bags.

Japs Deny Spanish Press Allegations

LONDON, March 24. (Reuter): The Japanese news agency quoted a Japanese official spokesman as categorically denying the Spanish newspaper reports of atrocities committed by the Japanese against Spaniards in the Philippines.

"It has been definitely established that there is absolutely no single fact as alleged by the Spanish press," he said.

TRICOLOUR UNFURLED IN CITY AND SUBURBS

Appeal To Public To Join Charkha Sanghs And Take To Spinning

BOMBAY, Sunday

The tricolour was unfurled to-day in the seven wards of the city, under the auspices of the District Congress Committees. The functions were held in private compounds. Mass spinning was arranged in the wards after the flag hoisting.

Citizens who attended the monthly flag salutation were urged to work with greater vigour for the enrolment programme of the Congress so that the city of Bombay could reach the one lakh target before the end of this month. An appeal was made to the citizens to join Charkha Sanghs and take to spinning in view of the new drive of the A.I.S.A.

Similar functions were held in the Suburban centres including Matunga, Santa Cruz and Vile Parle.

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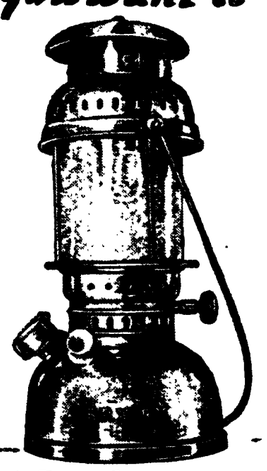

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POONA, March 25, A. P. I.—Following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures as will as rainfall in inches as recorded at eight hours I M T on 22/3/45:

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The spirit of Liberty, when deeply embedded in the minds and hearts of the people, is the most powerful remedy for racial animosities, religious Intolerance, and all other evils which prevent men from uniting in a brotherhood of truly civilised existence.

—Cordell Hull.

The Bombay Chronicle

AN ECONOMIC MENACE

With the prospect of an early end of the war, more attention is naturally being given to peacetime economic adjustments. Mr. Geoffrey Tyson of the European Group in the Central Assembly referred to one or two important aspects of the problem in the course of the debate on the Finance Bill. He spoke more from the British standpoint but his views suggest a menace which we should guard ourselves against even from now. Mr. Tyson warned Government against the danger of deflation at the close of the war when the present demand for Indian goods would suddenly fall and the prices too would as suddenly fall, to the serious detriment to industries. He made a vague suggestion that there should be "more deliberate, intelligent and realistic application of the physical controls which are now exercised in the field of commodities". But his meaning became fairly clear when he referred to the press report that arrangements were being made officially to import 60,00,00,000 lbs. of consumer goods and added that India "could with the greatest possible benefit to her economy absorb five times that amount of consumer goods" and that the present protective tariffs were a burden on the consumers and reduced customs revenue. In plain terms he suggested the imposition through control of huge imports from Britain at reduced tariff rates. This is at least as good a menace as deflation and needs immediate attention.

From the Indian point of view a far better method of combating deflation is for the Government of India and the Provincial Governments to introduce without delay their plans of economic development and to purchase Indian manufactured goods to the maximum extent possible. Such a necessary development of Indian industries is impossible if they are denied the benefit of protective tariffs. If even industrially developed Britain needs imperial preference against all countries outside the Empire, India, with her poor industrial development, needs protection a great deal more against all her competitors including Britain. The menace of crushing British competition is already in the offing.

In a "survey of British plans" Reuter says that "exports to India before the war fell to Rs. 53 crores but this figure is expected to increase to Rs. 80 crores in the first year after the end of the war and increase steadily each successive year." We are told further that there will be "concentrating on supplying the Indian market with consumer goods" and there is no mention of exporting machinery for the development of Indian industry. Now, since the sterling balances due from Britain to India can be paid off mainly through goods and services, it will be to the advantage of both countries if an early agreement is arrived at which will help, rather than hinder India's industrial development. But if unneeded consumer goods and services are dumped on India for the benefit of Britain, strenuous efforts will have to be made to combat such an economic menace. Those efforts will have a political as well as an economic value.

Pangire Case

The statement issued by Mr. B. G. Kher on the Pangire case of Kolhapur, considered together with the Report of the Inquiry Committee appointed by the Kolhapur Praja Parisnad, makes it clear that the State Government can no longer shirk the responsibility of instituting a judicial inquiry by an independent judge. The allegations made in the case against the State police are most serious. The Report of the Inquiry Committee seems to establish the charge that Fouzdar Ingavle stripped the aggrieved woman of her clothes and beat her mercilessly to extort information from her about her absconding son. The Committee also finds that there are grounds to believe that further atrocities were committed. The Fouzdar in question was, after a departmental inquiry, found guilty of having assaulted two other persons in this case and was reduced to the position of Jamadar. But, significantly enough, the Prime Minister refused to comply with the request of the Parishad workers to hold a judicial inquiry into the case. Mr. Kher believes in common with many others, that the police officer in quesion "was guilty not merely of an ordinary assault on the husband of the woman and other persons but more reprehensible conduct". We wholeheartedly believe with Mr. Kher, that to restore public confidence in the administration of justice in the State a judicial inquiry should be instituted without any further delay. This demand is so just and so simple that its not being already conceded has naturally roused suspicions. Agitation for such an inquiry should be kept up till it is instituted. We are glad that the "Tarun Bharat" of Belgaum proposes to bring out on April 6 a special number of 26 pages containing all relevent information about this case.

Frankly Speaking

The Great Heave

What every body, including the Germans themselves, had been waiting for has arrived. Field Marshal Montgomery has struck across the lower Rhine on a sixty miles front with both land and airborne troops. The magnitude and potentiality of the operations can be gathered from the fact that Mr. Churchill and Field Marshal Alan Brooke had come from Britain to be present at the launching of the assault. The Rhine on this front has been well and truly crossed and General Bereretons Anglo-American airborne divisions dropped behind the German lines have also well-begun the task of taking adequate revenge for Arnhem. Marshal Kesselring well realising the strategic possibilities of an Allied drive across the northern German plains is reported to have massed thirty-five divisions to oppose Marshal Montgomery. But his mobility is already crippled by the unprecedented air offensive of the last few days and it will be further challenged by more air assaults. But even if he slows down or temporarily checks Montgomery's offensive the rest of General Eisenhower's armies are also pouring across the Rhine all the way South to Karlsruhe. He will be facing possible dangers of encirclement. It is, therefore, difficult to see how he can stop the battle now joined from becoming the decisive battle for Germany in the West. And Zhukov and Koniev are coming from the east. It is the "great heave" and its final result is not far off now.

Smuts, Africa And 'Natives'

Replying in the South African Assembly to Doctor Malan, who is blatant like any Nazi in his racial arrogance, Field Marshal Smuts was good enough to deprecate the demand for an African Atlantic Charter which would end Asiatic immigration and, of course, make the entire Continent and its people the safe and close preserve of the handful of Europeans in Africa. But he confessed that the suggestion was "most interesting". General Smuts wants Africa to belong to the White Settlers exclusively and completely. But he would not proceed openly along the Nazi way. The General's answer to Dr. Malan is significant. But it is not all. What about the swarms of "natives" the millions that constitute the real inhabitants and masters of Africa? Reuter's report says this: "Marshal Smuts, in reply, said that the British people saw it in much the same way as the South Africans, that it was not right to arm the native population and train it militarily. It was not the best message which the European race could bring to the African". In honest and blunt language, the native must not be armed and trained militarily lest one day he demand what is his and make serious trouble. The sanctimonious humbug of disguising in noble sentiments the determination to keep the African supressed and submerged is nauseating. Just nauseating.

Succouring The Jews

One of the three or four Allied statesmen, who helped in the birth at Versailles of what subsequently emerged as the "Balfour Declaration" it is natural for Field Marshal Smuts to ensure that his pet child prospers. One of his first concerns at San Francisco will, therefore, be "to see the Jews have their own national home to which those unwelcome in other countries could go". In his parental anxiety he does not see—as a matter of fact, he does see but coolly ignores—the contradictions that ought to be repugnant to the democratic principles of the new world and to humanity. By implying that there may be countries—in Europe and America, of course,—where the Jews will not be welcome, General Smuts admits without a blush the bankruptcy of the aims of the present war and, in advance of those of San Francisco itself. And this gentleman, Mr. Churchill's "wise statesman" and an ornament of "civilisation" is going to San Francisco to lay the foundations of a new world!

Question For Muslim League

What is inhuman is the position of General Smuts that Jews who are unwelcome in their own countries, for instance, Germany, Hungary, Poland or in America should be imposed on a helpless Arab Palestine where they are justifiably unwelcome. Palestine does not belong to the Polish, the Hungarian, the American Jews or even Messrs. Smuts, Roosevelt and Churchill. But Palestine and its Arabs must be punished and be made to suffer retribution for the sins against Jews, brutal in all conscience, of General Smuts' Europe and America. And the Smutses of Britain and America are to commit this uncivilised outrage on an innocent Palestine in the name of civilisation and human pity for Europe-chased Jews by the civilised weapon of superior force. This is democracy, this is honour and this is justice. They will not ensure a secure and honourable existence for Jews in Europe and America which is the latter's due and which is the moral obligation of these statesman. They would solve the problem by handing over an Arab country to them and feel righteously satisfied about it. But the designs of these gentlemen have long been known. The question we ask is: does the Muslim League understand its duty? Mr. Jinnah, despite his indisposition, is robust enough to call upon Muslims to regard the Congress Ministry in the Frontier Province as a blot upon Muslim India. This is fantastic. But western "civilisation" and its leaders are threatening a real blot, a blot not only on justice but on the homeland of Islam itself. Let Mr. Jinnah and the Muslim League attend to this danger.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

A rousing time is likely to occur just before breakfast.

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Wise is the man who can correct a mistake before he makes it.

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A blockhead is a man who is unable to fit his opinions to your channel.

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Every time one man loses his temper, another gains his point.

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Many a man's so-called independence is nothing more or less than contrariness.

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The reason the average man can't tell a woman anything is because she would rather talk than listen.

Matriculation English Paper

The English paper set for this year's Matriculation Examination of the University of Bombay is in accordance with the syllabus laid down for the examination and quite unexceptionable, judged by any standard. The choice of questions on grammar and composition is judicious and provides ample scope to an average candidate to pass the test. In a sense, the paper is a distinct improvement upon some of the papers set during the last decade and speaks much for the great care bestowed upon it by the learned setters.

But there is a fly in the ointment and it has disfigured a little an otherwise beautiful picture. With due deference to the learned paper-setters, one may rightly ask them if they exercised as much care in the wording of questio 6 (a) as in that of the rest of the paper. The question under criticism relates to the use of words in the blanks left in a set of sentences. The setters ask the candidates to insert appropriate prepositions in the blanks. Now, the answer needs both prepositions and adverbs, though the former exceed the latter in number. Could it be said that the setters observed accuracy in their wording, in the face of the glaring mistake? They cannot plead want of time, for they meet at least half a dozen times before they decide upon the final form of the paper. They have ample opportunities to scan each little word going into the paper. Nor can it be called a typographical error by any stretch of imagination. They could have easily got over the difficulty by replacing the phrase, "appropriate prepositions" by the phrase, "appropriate words."

One may say that the mistake is too small to need criticism. But a mistake is a mistake apart from its size. Even a little mistake turns out costly in the end and so it cannot be lightly passed by. Now, a candidate who knows his grammar well and can distinguish between different parts of speech will be confused at the very outset of the question. What far-reaching effects a little confusion at the beginning may have need not be over-emphasised. The criticism is not inspired by any censorious motive. Its aim is to stress the need for accuracy and perspicuity in the wording of examination papers.

S. G. KOCHREKAR.

COLLEGE AND HOSPITAL FOR HOMOEOPATHY

Appeal To Public For Co-operation

Under the auspices of the Bombay Homoeopathy Association Silver Jubilee celebrations, a grand musical concert was held in aid of the Homoeopathic College and Hospital Fund, at Sundera bai Hall, on Thursday evening, when Seth Amritlal Kalidas presided.

The president in the course of his speech explained how during the progress of Medical Science, homoeopathy marched on serving humanity. It was on the lines of homoeopathy that allopathic therapeutics made its real progress. Homoeopathy was despised and run down due to the ignorance of man. No man who had taken care to examine its principles in an impreJudiced manner was capable of treating it with indifference. As a result of perseverence of the patient research workers and unceasing industry homoeopthy rendered immense service, both to the rich and the poor and its value could not be under-estimated.

In order to provide practical instructions in surgery and midwifery and to see to the healthy survival of homoeopathy by the establishment of a regular college and well-equipped hospital in the province the President appealed, on behalf of the Association, for generous donations.

Mr. Vakil, while paying glowing tributes to the services, rendered by the President in the advancement of homoeopathy by the proposed establishment of a college pointed out how their lives were dedicated to the cause and uplift of the layman and the profession was meant 'for the layman and not the layman for the profession.' Explaining the difficulties, he appealed to the public for their co-operation in the establishment of a College and Hospital.

After an interesting programme of vocal music by Mrs. Gandhari (alias Gangubai) Hangal and Sitar solo by Prof. Vilayat Khan and other items of dance recitals, the function came to a close.

Fall Of The League Ministry In N. W. F. P.

(By Abdul Qaiyum M. L. A., Deputy Leader, Congress Central Assembly Party)

The Moslem League stepped into office in May 1943. For months before those who were directing the policy of the League had set their eyes on the N.W.F.P. This province, with a 95 per cent Moslem majority, could not be left out. How could the dream of North-Western Pakistan come true if the N.W.F.P. did not owe allegiance to the League. In 1943 in a House of 50, ten Congress M.L.A.'s were in prison. The Congress had set its face against legislative activities. The League came into power, aided by the British Government. Each had a different aim in view. The British wanted to impress America that the Moslems were against the Congress. The League had to make good its claim that the majority Moslem provinces were with the League.

Four bye-elections were held in the Moslem constituencies all were won by the League. This, it was stated, showed the increasing confidence of the Moslems in the League. The Congressmen asserted that the elections were not regular; there were charges that ballot papers of illiterate voters had been wrongly marked; that even ballot boxes had been tampered with. This resulted in accentuating the existing bitterness. Under the rules a presiding officer can put a 'X' on the ballot paper for an illiterate voter. In the N.W.F.P. under the rules even the agent of a candidate cannot see this marking of the officer. Such was the suspicion, that when a bye-election for a Sikh seat was held, Khudai Khidmatgar volunteers mounted guard on the Imperial Bank building where the ballot boxes had been deposited. They kept a constant vigil and accompanied the armed police when the ballot boxes were taken to the court for being opened up.

Ten Congress M.L.A.'s being in jail, the Congress Party did not attend the first two sessions of the Provincial Assembly. After the budget session, five Congress M.L.A.'s were released, and a sixth was released soon after on medical grounds. The assertions of the Congress that it was a minority ministry, were met by vehement denials from the League. The League ministry received a notice of no confidence in autumn 1944, but did not call the autumn session on the plea of lack of official business. The budget session was called on 9-3-45 after full one year and on 12-3-45 the Ministry was defeated by the Congress Party by 24 votes against 18—four Congress M.L.A.'s being still in jail.

Let us analyse the causes of the downfall of the League Ministry. Firstly it was a minority Ministry, some of its supporters constantly threatened its existence and the Ministers had to make concessions every now and then to placate them. Secondly, it bungled in the matter of the control and distribution of foodstuffs. There was a lot of nepotism and corruption among those dealing with the food problem. Thirdly, corruption in public services and even in some very high quarters, had become very pronounced and the Ministers were unable to check it. Fourthly, the League High Command was very anxious to have a Ministry to use it for the purposes of bargaining against the Congress. It did not stop to examine the credentials of those whom it had put in power, some of whom had joined it overnight to have a share in the spoils. It did not have the strength and courage to ask the Ministers to quit, even when they were convinced that these people were making a real mess of things. Lastly, there was the well-organized Khudai Khidmatgar organisation well-knit by a series of sacrifices cheerfully endured in a common cause. In vain did some of the Moslem Leaguers knock at the door of their High Command requesting them either to mend or end the Ministry. The High Command was in no mood to mend and perhaps powerless to end the caucus which had secured power mainly as a result of British help.

The Ministry had started by promising an Islamic Government and had pledged themselves to abide by the dictates of the Shariat. Two years of Moslem League rule has resulted in bitter disillusionment and resentment among the masses. So eager were the Ministers to hang on to office that some of their supporters had pinned their last hopes that Gandhiji would come to their rescue by forbidding the Congress from taking office. Gandhiji's appreciation of the situation was absolutely correct. The situation in the province was such that there was a universal demand in favour of the Congress seizing power in the province. Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan, the four Congress M.L.A.'s and other security prisoners have all been released. This was the first act of Dr. Khan Sahib after he was sworn in as Prime-Minister.

The League High Command, at present, is dominated by gentlemen who hail from the provinces where the Moslems are in a minority. They have come into the forefront by playing upon the fear complex among the Moslems and by raising the cry of Pakistan. The Frontier Moslems have the greatest regard and affection for their co-religionists in other parts of India. They are second to none not only in demanding that the Moslems should have a square deal in India, but will not shirk or avoid any sacrifice to secure that end. But they feel that you cannot even have a Pakistan in India while a third party is in possession of the country. The prospects of a Pakistan subservient to British Imperialism does not and will not attract them. They are cent per cent for complete unfettered self-determination for the Moslems, but are equally convinced that there can be no self-determination either for the Moslems or for any one else while India is not free.

The question of the immediate freedom of India is, therefore, the problem which has got to be tackled soon. The only way it can be effectively tackled is by a real unity among the Hindus, Moslems and others who inhabit this great land of ours. The problem of Indian unity is, therefore, the bedrock on which we will have to raise a structure consecrated by the joint sacrifices of the sons and daughters of India, Hindus as well as Moslems, for in Hindu-Moslem unity lies our strength and without unity and sacrifices there can be no freedom.

There are the stirrings of a new life in the Pathan homelands of the North-West, very marked in the N.W.F.P., ut easily discernible in the Tribal belt and Baluchistan. There has been a rapid development in political consciousness. Education is making rapid headway. The Pathan has been misunderstood and very much misrepresented in the past. He is now determined to take his rightful place as an equal partner along with other free Indian units which together, will, God willing, constitute the Free Indian Union of the near future. Let us hope the dark clouds which now cast a gloom over the Indian horizon will soon roll away ushering in that era of freedom for which we all hope and pray.

Indians' Victory Over United Services XI

De Kretser Bags Five Wickets In Four Overs For 15 Runs; Merchant Not Out 44

COLOMBO, March 25 (A.P.I.)

The Indian touring team beat the United Services XI by seven wickets.

Services XI. 168 and 195 for eight wickets declared (Solomons not out 37).

Indian XI: 252 and 114 for three wickets. (Merchant not out 44).

Sensational cricket was witnessed today when the Indian touring team lost five wickets for the addition of only 15 runs, when they resumed their first innings on the second and last day against the Services XI today.

De Kretser was responsible for this damage and bagged all the five wickets, the first one in his second over, the second in his third over and accounted for three more batsmen off the first, third and fifth balls of his fourth over.

Modi and Kishenchand resumed the innings and hardly seven runs had been added when the latter was smartly stumped. Modi who was 56 at this stage edged De Kretser and McCarthy made no mistake in the slips. Modi had occupied the crease for 100 minutes for 56 inclusive of six fours (172-6-56). Nayudu, Sarwate and Srinivasan were sent back for the addition of only six runs, De Kretser accounting for all of them in one over. Bannerjee and Rangachari became associated and using the long handle to advantage put on 70 runs before the Bihar Captain was caught off Heyn after scoring 23 runs. Rangachari remained not out with 45 runs to his credit including two sixes and three fours.

SERVICES' SECOND KNOCK

Half an hour left for lunch, the Services XI with a deficit of 84 runs started their second innings and again opened disastrously losing the first two wickets before double figures were registered on the board. Pereira who opened the Services second innings with Jacobs was caught by Mankad at fine leg off Amarnath for one and the Services Captain, who followed, was caught by Amarnath in the slips off Bannerji for four.

An hour after lunch produced 70 runs for a further loss of two wickets. McCarthy had scored 23 inclusive of one six and three fours when he was brilliantly held by Hazare in the slips off Mankad.

Heyn partnered Jacobs and this pair in between themselves added 40 runs before the latter was caught by Mankad off Amarnath for a patient 23 (72-3-23). Eighty were registered after the innings had lasted 95 minutes and shortly afterwards Paul drove Amarnath for three to wipe out the first innings deficit. Mankad who had bowled 14 overs conceding 34 runs for one wicket was relieved by Nayudu. Paul despatched Nayudu to the screen and registered hundred of the innings. When the fifth wicket had added one more run Nayudu clean-bowled Paul and at 104 sent back Heyn, declared l.b.w. Mankad relieved Amarnath who had bowled 11 overs for his one wicket conceding only 10 runs. Nayudu then claimed his third wicket when he spreadeagled McLean's wickets for seven. De Kretser joined Solomons and at tea time the pair were still together with the score at 154 for seven wickets.

Scores:

SERVICES XI (First Innings)	168
INDIA XI (First Innings)	
V. M. Merchant, c Aldred, b MacLean	29
Mankad, c Aldred, b Coupe	48
Amarnath, b De Kretser	2
Hasare, c Heyn, b Coupe	13
Modi, c McCarthy, b De Kretser	56
Kishenchand, st. Aldred, b De Kretser	21
C. S. Nayudu, c Desaram, b De Kretser	6
Sarwate, b De Kretser	5
Bannerjee, c Paul, b Heyn	23
Srinivasan, c MacCarthy, b De Kretser	0
Rangachari not out	45
Extras	4
Total	252

Bowling Analysis: MacLean 8/0/35/1, Coupe 21/2/49/2, Heyn 17/5/21/1, Paul 15/0/61/0, De Kretser 30/11/72/6.

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GADGIL WARNS OPTIMISTS

Imperial Motives Behind Present Move For Settlement

SANGLI, March 25 (U.P.I.): "England wants to retain her Empire intact and wants to regain her Far-Eastern Empire lost to the Japanese through Indian efforts", said Mr. N. V. Gadgil, President of the Maharashtra Provincial Congress Committee addressing a public meeting here.

Continuing Mr. Gadgil said that in last December Lord Wavell said that a National Government would undoubtedly call forth greater efforts and sacrifice from the people. His present movements must be read in that context.

A few months ago, added Mr. Gadgil, Sir Reginald Maxwell, the then Home Member, said that there was no deadlock. They were getting whatever they wanted for war.

Now the whole English Press, said the speaker, was unanimous in stating that the present deadlock should be solved.

"The object now is clear" continued Mr. Gadgil. "The British rulers are out for a deal with Indian vested interests so that they may retain British power with a show and a facade of sovereign status for India and utilise the so-called National Government for war purposes.

"It is the actual enjoyment of freedom that will make the Indians fight like heroes. Any documents signed in London and Delhi will not be honoured. The goods must be delivered to the real owners and they must be of genuine brand.

"Meanwhile let us go ahead with the constructive programme. This programme is a happy combination of revolutionary urge and evolutionary rhythm."

Mrs. Pandit Denies Report

NEW YORK, March 24 (U. P. A.): Mrs. Vijayalaxmi Pandit today charged that she had been misquoted in India.

She said, "In recent news clippings from India I find a statement attributed to me which I did not make —Roosevelt's silence on India seems incredible'."

"Since coming to the United States I have not referred to the President either directly nor indirectly or criticised his domestic or foreign policy."

"It is inconceivable that I should so far forget the dignity of my cause as to expect its realisation through the mediation of an outside power, however great," she said. "I should think by now the press would be familiar with my approach to important issues and the language in which I clothe my thoughts."

Political News And Gandhiji's Warning

SEVAGRAM, March 25 (U.P.I.): Mahatma Gandhi stressed the importance of constructive work yesterday at a meeting of Trustees, Secretaries and Khadi workers held under the auspices of the All-India Spinners' Association and warned the audience not to attach too much importance to political news like the formation of a National Government at the Centre or of the ministry in the Frontier Province. He urged the caste Hindus to remove untouchability or their Dharma would be in danger.

Gandhiji emphasised the importance of Nai Talim in the scheme of national reconstruction.

The Charkha Sangh discussed the decentralisation schema under which as much Khadi as possible should be produced for local consumption.

GANDHIJI'S ADVICE TO HAND-LOOM WEAVERS

MADRAS, March 25 (U. P. I.): The advice that the handloom weavers' families should begin spinning also and adopt a process of doubling so that the handloom weavers might not be idle, was given by Mahatma Gandhi to the handloom weavers of Tamilnad in reply to a communication addressed to him by Dr. K. S. Gopalaswamy, General Secretary of the Tamilnad Handloom Weavers' Association, asking for his suggestion to remove the hardships caused to them by the scarcity of yarn.

Kanu Gandhi On Tour In Andhra

BHIMAVARAM, March 25 (U.P.I.): "Ahimsa and Truth are two rails on which the train of constructive programme with fourteen carriages would carry India to the destination of Swaraj", observed Mr. Kanu Ghandi, who is now on tour in Andhra Desa, addressing a public meeting here.

Proceeding he urged the necessity for following the leadership of Gandhiji.

Regarding the Communist and Socialist organisations Mr. Kanu Gandhi said that there should not be any conflict between various associations as the goal was common to all. He also stressed the importance of Gandhiji's fasts and said that they were not threats but sacred acts which had done much good to the country.

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WITHOUT COMMENT—

Marshal Smuts, in reply, said that the British people saw it in much the same way as the South Africans, that it was not right to arm the native population and train it militarily. It was not the best message which the European race could bring to the African.

—Cape Town Report.

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Muslim League authorities have announced that the April Session of the All-India Muslim League has been postponed owing to Mr. Jinnah's indisposition to dates which will be notified later.

It will be held after the Amery-Wavell mystery has been cleared up.

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A colleague has published in the Sunday "Chronicle" extracts from Moscow's "The War and the Working Class" which betray a rather unexpected attitude in regard to certain—er—fundamentals of the Indian political situation.

It is, however, not yet known whether the "Line" was, or will be, bent here or there.

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Dr. Khan Sahib, Frontier Congress Leader has struck a mortal blow at the Indian deadlock".

—The "People's War."

Wait, Comrade, Wait. Whither? The way leads away from "They must meet again."

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In fact, the whole issue seems to be a deviation, post-facto, from the Quaid-e-Azam and the League. It must be rectified.

You see, "man che saraem we tumboora-i-man che saraid" causes a great deal of confusion to the unfortunate audience.

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According to the Indian United Press, British Labour deeply resents Mr. Churchill's cavalier treatment of Mr. Attlee in connection with the San Francisco delegation.

Labour shouldn't be improvident with its feelings. Mr. Churchill has only begun. Presently he would deny something more than constitutional status to the Deputy Prime Minister, throughout the period of the co-alition. And to Mr. Attlee will be added all Labour Ministers, Secretaries, etc.

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According to a Washington report, the Soviet Delegation to the San Francisco will propose separate membership for White Russia and Ukraine as well as Russia herself.

And why not? After all Britain will have two votes for certain and six almost for certain.

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One of the main items in the first reports of F. M. Montgomery's offensive was that Mr. Winston Churchill was present at the former's headquarters.

This convinces us more thoroughly than any mass crossing of the Rhine that the present assault is the real thing.

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As a protest against "atrocities" committed in the Philippines, the Spanish Foreign Office has notified Japan that Spain henceforth will not protect Japanese interests in countries with which Japan is at war.

And quite rightly too. Poor Franco-Spain is too busy trying feverishly to protect its own "interests" in those countries.

Move To Re-open Dardanelles

Why Russia Denounced Treaty With Turkey?

LONDON, March 25 (U.P.A.)—Russia's denunciation of the Russo-Turkish Treaty of 1925 was much commented upon in the British Press which believes it to be a Russian move to reopen the Dardanelles.

The "Sunday Observer's" diplomatic correspondent thinks the Soviet Union plans a new Russo-Turkish Treaty closely approaching the Anglo-Turkish model as Russia "finds it unsuitable that Russo-Turkish relations should lag behind their Anglo-Turkish counterpart." The paper adds that this would be legitimate and an understandable move on Russia's part.

The "Observer" states that Turkey is nervous over the new Russian demarche in which they see the beginning "of a softening up process prior to the reopening of the Straits question.

"She remembers every successive Russian ruler since Catherine the Great wanted to temper Turkey's control over the exit from the Black Sea."

The "Sunday Times" diplomatic correspondent thinks the Russian move is aimed to ensure not only a friendly but also a reliable Government of Turkey, saying that the lessons of modern war, particularly the possibility of secret weapon bases in adjacent countries, presumably inspired the Russian action.

Pointing out that Russia is probably going to raise the question of the Dardanelles, the "Sunday Times" added that this, however, is fundamentally an international question and "Turkey will decline to be drawn into direct negotiations over this issue.

"Russia neither consulted nor notified her Allies regarding her views on Turkey or the Straits," the paper said.

Year's Extension For C. P. Governor

NEW DELHI, (A.P.I.): His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve that His Excellency Sir Henry Twynam, K.C.S.I., Governor of the Central Provinces and Berar, who will complete his five years' tenure of office on 30th September 1945, should remain in office for a further period of one year expiring on 30th September, 1946.

His Exalted Highness the Nizam of Hyderabad and Berar has been consulted in regard to this appointment.

AMERICAN GESTURE TO INDIAN NATIONALS

Roosevelt May Ask Congress For Adoption Of Immigration Bill Before 'Frisco Conference

WASHINGTON, (Saturday Reuter: President Roosevelt will personally ask Democratic leaders in Congress to press the fight for adoption of the Indian Immigration Bill before the San Francisco Conference, Reuter learns.

After the House of Representatives Immigration Committee last week postponed action on the Celler Bill to permit naturalisation and immigration of Indians, the Indian Agent-General Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai to-day saw the Acting Secretary of State, Mr. Grew, to press for further action on the matter.

Sir Girja Shankar is said to have told Mr. Grew that the Committee's decision might have disastrous repercussions in India such as fostering anti-American sentiment and reluctance on the part of Indians to co-operate with the United States in the post-war security organisation. Sir Girja is also reported to have shown Mr. Grew a copy of a "Hindustan Times" editorial criticising the Committee's decision.

Although the State Department cannot officially approach Congressmen for support on such a matter, Mr. Grew promised that the President would be urged by his Department to take immediate steps in contacting Administration leaders both in the House and the Senate, and ask them to press the issue on the Indian Immigration Bill.

The President is expected to point out that favourable action before the San Francisco Conference would be construed by most Far Eastern Countries—not India alone—as a positive gesture by the United States to show intention of carrying the promises of international co-operation, freedom and equality for the people of the world into actual practice.—Reuter.

INDIAN NATIONALS IN AMERICA

Bajpai Confers With Joseph Grew

WASHINGTON, (Saturday) (Reuter): The Agent-General for India, Sir G. S. Bajpai, to-day conferred with acting Secretary Mr. Joseph Grew on the Indian Immigration and Naturalisation Legislation.

A survey to collect data about Indian nationals residing in the United States is being sponsored by the National Committee for India's freedom in co-operation with Mr. Gobindram Watumull of Honolulu and Los Angeles.

Mr. Godha Ram Chanon of San Francisco has been designated to conduct the survey plans to visit Indians in different sections of the country. It is hoped this information will be a great help in connection with the bills now pending for citizenship for Indians.

PEACE THROUGH "BIG THREE"

Frisco Conference & Smuts' Optimism

CAPETOWN, Friday (Reuter).—The Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa, General Smuts, today assured the Senate that at San Francisco he would speak on behalf of a sovereign and independent Government and would not be bound in any way. There were two main trends developing in the world, General Smuts added. These were the Right and the Left, and the East and the West. How could these contradictory trends be kept within a system of unanimity as suggested in the Security Council proposals? Unless every effort was made to bind those groups in one organisation, one must despair of future humanity.

It was the very complexity of the British Empire and Commonwealth, General Smuts concluded that kept it at peace. There were no countries to whom war was more dangerous than the British group.

He was not without hope if they could keep the big Three together by the arrangements now contemplated, mankind might have a long era of peace.

Phillips' Interest In Indian Affairs

NEW YORK (Saturday) (Reuter): Mr. William Phillips, recently personal Ambassador for President Roosevelt in India, to-day expressed his continuing interest and concern in Indian affairs.

In a letter to Sardar J. J. Singh, President of the India League of America, Mr. Phillips declared "please be sure that although I have resigned from my post in India I shall remain a true friend of the people of that country."

Roosevelt Cancels Press Conference

WASHINGTON, March 24 (Reuter): President Roosevelt has cancelled his Press Conference at which he was expected to make an important statement about food crisis.

New Campaign To Collect 1,00,000 Dollars Monthly

NEW YORK, March 24. (A.P.A.): The President of American Relief for India, Inc., Mr. J. Edgar Rhoads, announced yesterday a campaign to assure continuance of his organisations succouring efforts among the sick and starving people in India would be conducted in the United States next month under the auspices of a group of prominent Americans.

He said the campaign had been decided on following the inability of the National War Fund, a non-Government agency, to include American relief for India in the annual campaign for a large group of relief agencies in the various United Nations.

Mr. Rhoads said that to date 800,000 dollars had been pledged for relief work in India where supplies of food and medicine are being distributed in stricken areas by many responsible agencies with the full support of British and Indian authorities. He added it was essential to continue the American relief at the rate of 100,000 dollars monthly.

Americans associated with the Rhoads organisation include Mr. Sumner Wells, former Under-Secretary of State; Mr. William Phillips, Mr. William Green, President of the American Federation of Labour, and Mr. Phillip Murray, of the C.I.O. Labour organisation.

"DEFER FREEDOM FOR PHILIPPINES"

Paul McNutt Advises Rehabilitation First

WASHINGTON, March 24 (A.P.A.)—Mr. Paul V. McNutt, former High Commissioner of the Philippines, suggested today that Filipino independence be deferred at least until after the rehabilitation from the ravages of war.

In the first suggested postponement from any high Administration figure, Mr. McNutt said in an interview, "If the Filipinos defer the question of independence they are more likely to get sympathetic reaction from Congress on rehabilitation measures."

"If they step off into immediate independence as some of their leaders seem to be advocating, the islands clearly are destined for troubles.....It is more than possible that if they get their freedom now they may never again attain their pre-war economic stability and may destine themselves to a permanently lowered standard of living."

Syrian Students Strike, Cable Roosevelt

DAMASCUS, March 22 (Globe): Syrian students have organised a strike in protest against President Roosevelt's recent statement regarding unlimited Jewish immigration into Palestine. They have cabled the President appealing for observation of the Atlantic Charter and asking him not to support the Balfour Declaration.

BEVIN SCHEME TO CONTINUE

LONDON, March 22 (A.P.A.): Labour Minister Ernest Bevin said the schemes for training Indian students to become technicians has been so successful that it is hoped to continue for a considerable period. Mr. L. S. Amery, Secretary of State for India, told the students it was immensely important for India to develop industrially.

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POTATO PROFITEER CONVICTED

Balkisan Subik, owner of a stall in Prabhadevi Market, DeLisle Road, has been sentenced to two weeks' simple imprisonment and fined Rs. 50 for profiteering in potatoes.

A. Fernandez, Mody Street, Fort Market has been sentenced to seven days' simple imprisonment and fined Rs. 100 for selling bread without bread tickets.

DON'T FORGET TO HAND IN YOUR RATION CARD BEFORE LEAVING BOMBAY

T. S. PILLAY DEAD

Govt. Of India's Chief Controller Of Purchase

NEW DELHI, March 24 (A.P.I.): Mr. T. S. Pillay, Chief Controller of Purchase, Supply, Government of India, died at his residence at 11-30 tonight following a heart attack.

Mr. Pillay was 44 years of age. He leaves behind his wife and a daughter.

PILLAY'S FUNERAL

The funeral of Mr. T. S. Pillay took place this morning. A large number of officials and other friends called at his residence, and some accompanied the body to the Jumna bank where it was cremated. Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, Sir Sultan Ahmed, Sardar Sant Singh, Mr. A. V. Pai, Mr. K. K. Chettur and others were present at the ghat. Sir Azizul Haque, Sir Richard Targett and others called at the residence.

POSTAL EMPLOYEES' BASIC PAY

Kishen Pershad Committee Recommendations

(From Our Correspondent.)

BOMBAY, March 24.—The Kishen Pershad Committee has submitted its report to the Government of India. I understand. The Committee which was fact-finding was appointed by Sir Mohamed Usman to enquire and report on the grievances of postal employees in Bombay Presidency. The findings of the Committee, however, are being the basis for general increase all over India.

The Committee, according to reports finds present pay entirely inadequate. The Committee has recommended the raising of pay of postal employees to Rs. 60 monthly in Bombay Rs. 55 in Ahmedabad and 50 in other places.

Enquiries also show that these recommendations will involve about a lakh of people.

The Committee's report is now before the Government of India and an early decision is expected.

MOVE FOR RELIEF FUND TO FAMILIES OF ASHTI ACCUSED

SURAT, March 24 (U.P.I.)—Mr. Uttamchand Golwala, a Congress worker of Surat, sought Gandhiji's advice and guidance to start an All-India Ashti-Chimoor Accused's Families Relief Fund, in case they were sent to gallows. Mahatmaji, it is understood, has stated in reply that Congressmen of a particular place may do the needful according to circumstances.

ORDERS RESERVED IN SACHER CASE

(From Our Correspondent.)

LAHORE, March 24.

The trial of Bhimsen Sacher leader of the opposition of the Punjab Assembly who attended the Punjab Assembly on 19th February and 1st March in defiance of restricted orders served upon him after release, commenced to-day before Mr. F. C. Webb local magistrate.

At the outset, Rai Bahadur Mukandlal Puri, Mr. Sacher's counsel raised a preliminary objection that Members of Indian Legislatures have privileges and it was one that no legal action can be taken on what is said or done by elected member of legislature in discharge of his duties in the legislature. In support of his arguments, Mr. Puri quoted Sardar Mangalsingh case in the Central Assembly on 25th March 1943.

Mr. Puri read out the proceedings of the Central Assembly where the president of the Central Assembly protected Sardar Mangalsingh and no action was taken, nor the arguments put forward by Sardar Mangalsingh controverted.

Concluding his arguments Mr. Puri said the point before the court now was to decide whether the privileges conferred by the Government of India Act 1935 on elected legislators can be taken away by an ordinance or not.

The court reserved orders till March 28.

THE LATE MR. R. B. BHIWANDKAR

The death of Mr. Ramrao B. Bhiwandkar, Chief Accountant of the Baroda Bank, Bombay Branch, took place on 10th of March 1945 after a short illness. He was the Chief Accountant of the Bank since the opening of its Bombay branch in 1919. Prior to that he was in the Mercantile Bank of India. He was a member of the Indian Institute of Bankers and recently the Institute had appointed him an Associate of the Institute of Bankers. He was also a social worker and took an active part in the affairs of the various institutions of his community. His death at the premature age of 58 is a great loss to the Bank of Baroda in particular and to the Indian Banking World in general.

Kill Corruption Advises Gandhiji

GAUHATI, March 23. (U.P.I): "Do what is the best, cost what it may. Kill the corruption. Adopt that alternative which is the best under circumstances. I know difficulties are many, but we have to cut our way through" writes Mahatma Gandhi to Mr. Gopinath Bardoloi, leader of the Congress Party in the Assam Assembly, who sought Gandhiji's advice on the present ministerial tangle.

CONGRESS STAND

Clarifying his attitude to the new ministry Mr. Gopinath Bardoloi leader of the Congress Party in Assam Assembly said in an interview to the United Press:—

"We are making an experiment the success of which will be judged by results. We are experimenting upon bringing a new era in Assam. To-day broader principles come before us in the country and at any rate for the time being it has become necessary not to insist on some of those principles on account of which we could no be associated with the parties to which we could not be associated with the parites to whiech we are opposed hitherto.

"Particular problems in particular views on things and it is with this end in view that we have decided to support new Government".

COALITION PARTY FOR ASSAM

SHILLONG, March 24 (U.P.I.)—The members of the different parties hitherto working in the Assembly in opposition to Sir Muhammad Saadulla's outgoing ministry held a joint meeting this morning under the presidency of Mr. Gopinath Bardoloi, Leader of the Congress Party, and formed a coalition party to be styled as the Assam Congress Coalition and Independent Muslim Party. The members of the new party pledged themselves in writing to carry out the party's programme and abide by all its rules, regulations and discipline. They pledged further to remain loyal and faithful to the party and do nothing against its interest or its programme.

The meeting also constituted a parliamentary board of this party consisting of Messrs. Gopinath Bardoloi, Arun Kumar Chanda, Ali Hyder Khan, DeVeswar Sarma and Fakruddin Ali Ahmed.

All non-Muslim Ministers of the newly formed Saadulla Cabinet have signed this pledge. The Congress Coalition and Independent Muslim Party now counts its membership to be 54, an absolute majority in the Assembly.

New Assam Cabinet Sworn In

SHILLONG, March 24 (A.P.I.)—The members of the new Cabinet of Ministers formed by Sir Muhammad Saadulla in coalition with the Nationalist Coalition Party, were sworn in today at Government House, Shillong. His Excellency Sir Andrew Clow, Governor of Assam, administered the oath in the presence of officials and non-officials.

MADRAS MOVE TO FORM MINISTRY?

MADRAS, March 24 (A.P.I.): Mr. N. Annamalai Pillai, M.L.A. (Madras), Secretary of the Tamilnad Provincial Congress Committee, in a communication to the Press states that he intends to call a meeting of the members of the Congress Party including Congress members of the Madras Legislature shortly for the purpose of discussing the present situation in the country and deciding the future course of action.

Mr. Pillai welcomes the resumption of office by the Congress Party in the Frontier Province.

Millions Of Germans In Russian Hands

BERN (Switzerland), March 22 (A.P.A.)—Only the smallest percentage of 8,000,000 to 9,000,000 inhabitants of the eastern German provinces now in Russian hands have been evacuated, the Berlin correspondent of the Swiss newspaper 'Der Bund' wrote.

"The Germans claimed 590,000 had been evacuated by sea from east and west Prussia via Koenigsberg, Pillau, Danzig, Gdynia and Kolberg under frequent Russian aerial and artillery bombardment and said undetermined thousands of others had crossed the Oder and still were wandering into the interior of the Reich", 'Der Bund's' correspondent said.

"Most, however, who lived in German provinces remained behind."

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, March 24

May	22.02
July	21.73
October	21.10
Middling Spot	22.39

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York, March 24

May	22.00
July	21.70
October	21.11
Middling Spot	21.55

London Bullion Wheat and Stock Exchange remained closed. London Exchanges unchanged.

When U. S. Forces Will Quit India

WASHINGTON, March 23 (U.P.A.) Military observers here today predicted that, if American forces land on the coast of China, United States forces will probably move out of Burma and India entirely, either into China or back home.

They added that United States forces probably would not join the "large contingents" reported to be arriving in India after the defeat of the Germans.

Ahmedabad Millowners "No" To Mahajan

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, March 23.

It is reliably learnt that in a reply given to the Majur Mahajan, the Ahmedabad Millowners Association has rejected the demand for arbitration.

After receiving this reply a joint representative meeting of the Majur was held. The meeting passed a resolution appealing again to millowners to accept their demand for arbitration. It has shown its willingness to avert the strike. The Mahajan has also urged Government and public to take necessary steps to avoid conflict.

Move For Increased Paper Ration

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, March 24

A meeting of the Paper Control Advisory Committee, and of Provincial Paper Controllers is being held here to review paper position in the country in order to further scale down prices and liberalize paper ration for civilian consumption. The meetings will be followed by a joint conference of Provincial Controller and Paper Advisory Committee to enable each to understand the other's viewpoint and smoothen difficulties.

YARN MARKET REVIEW

The scarcity of Yarns continued throughout with the result that in many places, not only the Handloom Weavers but Power-loom Factories also have had to close down. During the last whole month, the position has not only not shown any improvement but has rather grown much worse, both from the point of view of availability of Yarn and also from the point of view of the prices to be paid by the consumers. It is true that the prices of several kinds of Yarns have been further reduced officially from the 1st of February, but it is equally true that practically no Yarn is available to the consumer in any part of the country, except at considerably higher prices ranging from 50 per cent to 150 per cent over the ex-Mill prices and even then qualities or counts that the consumer requires. In fact, it has been practically impossible for either the Handloom Weavers or for the Powerloom Factories to get any decent supplies of Yarns at anything like control prices.

The New Scheme of Yarn about which hopes were entertained by the consumers for the last few weeks has seen the light of the day, but the general opinion is that it is not likely to ease the situation in any way.

In Bengal, the frozen stocks of Yarns are not yet released and many a Handloom Weaver remains idle for want of Yarn. Punjab reports acute scarcity of Yarn and similar reports have been received from other parts of the country.

It is very strange that inspite of continued efforts made by the Control Authorities from time to time, the situation does not show any improvement whatever. On the one hand, it is reported that the production of Yarn has been steadily increasing whereas, on the other hand, continued scarcity has been the order of the day.

U. S. A. Rice For Pacific Islands

NEW YORK, March 23, (U.P.A.)

The Wall Street Journal today reported that, because of the need for rice to feed the Pacific Islands, the War Food Administration has ordered all milled rice in the United States to be turned over to the Government for allocation.

Because the American rice harvest has increased from 51,000,000 bushels in 1941 to 70,000,000 bushels in 1944, the War Food Administration believes the Pacific Islands can be fed without creating a shortage at home.

Calicut Quotations

CALICUT, March 24.

Cocoanuts Raw 80 Dry 79 Cocoanutoil 340 Copra Office 197/8 Dilpasand 210 Madrasnotham 227/8 Goodgooda 220 Pepper Wynaad 365 Country 35b Dryginger Chernad 225 Ernad 215 Coffee Robusta 83.

Hapur Quotation

HAPUR, March 24.

Wheat 9/12 Gram 8/4 Barley 6/10 Peas New 6/3 Old Khattis 5/8 Arhar 6/15/3 Old Khattis 7 Maize 6/10/9 Bra 8 Juwar 7/4 Cottonseed Desi 19 Chilki 9/2 Urad 13/15 Moong 11 Gur 9/3 Bengal Delivery 9/14 Punjab 10 CP 11/8 Rajputana 11/8 Arrivals 1500 Mds Steady Silver 130/8 Gold 73 Steady Bardana Asoj 54/8 Chet 54/8 Guwar 7/0/3

CHURCHILL'S TREATMENT OF LABOUR COLLEAGUES CREATES RESENTMENT

"Premier Has Given Foretaste Of What To Expec In General Election," Says Left-Wing Weekly

LONDON, March 24. (U.P.I.)

Mr. Churchill's hopes for an amicable parting with the present coalition are not likely to be realised. His own cavalier treatment of his Labour colleagues is creating a great resentment with labour circles and the latest example of, this was furnished when he announced that Mr. Eden and not Major Attlee would be the head of the British Delegation to the San Francisco Conference and described Major Attlee's title of the Deputy Prime Minister as a courtesy title without any constitutional authority.

Mr. Churchill's attitude in this and other matters aroused bitter comme in the labour movement. The "T. bune" a Radical Leftwing weekly, declares: "Mr. Churchill has given us foretaste of what to expect in th general election campaign which likely to be most bitterly fought i this country. Meanwhile the prospect of general election being held in June have receded as it is pointed out that the election can hardly be held during the absence of Major Attlee, the Leader and Mrs. Ellen Wilkinson, Chairman of the Labour Party. It is therefore, suggested that election may not come until autumn."

Position Of Scheduled Banks

Statement of the position of scheduled banks as at the close of business on the 16th March.

	Rs.
Demand Liabilities in India	602,55,00,000
Time Liabilities in India	220,77,92,000
Cash in India:	
(i) Currency Notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes	25,84,58,000
(ii) Rupee Coin	1,96,75,000
(iii) Subsidiary Coin	64,08,000
Balances with Reserve Bank	92,56,56,000
Advances in India	270,16,47,000
Bills discounted in India	14,78,16,000

TEA SUPPLY ENOUGH IN U.S.A.

NEW YORK, March 23, (A.P.A.)—American tea drinkers are getting almost a peacetime allotment of Indian and Ceylon blends now that enemy submarine activities have been restricted sharply by United Nations air and naval operations.

These two announcements show the improvement: war risk insurance rates on tea shipments have been reduced to 2.5 per cent compared with the wartime high of 30 per cent; United States tea supplies are up 200 per cent from March 31, 1943.

The Tea Bureau, a trade association, says the current position of tea stocks, together with supply expectations, indicated that United States tea lovers will continue to get enough to meet demand throughout 1945.

"On March 31, 1943, when the Government became the sole purchaser of all tea entering the country," says the bureau, "stocks had shrunk to about 11,000,000 pounds. Twenty-one months later, on Dec. 31, 1944, they totalled 34,689,000 pounds—an increase of more than 200 per cent.

"In 1943 we originally expected only 50,000,000 pounds under the international tea allocation agreement but received 66,000,000. In 1944 we expected about 76,000,000 but received in excess of 86,000,000. This year we again are expecting more than 80,000,000 pounds.

The Great Atlantic and Pacific tea company chain store system which distributes about one-sixth of all tea sold in the United States says conditions are a far cry from the harrowing experiences of 1943, when many tea chests ended up in the oceans because of torpedo attacks.

"Immediately after Pearl Harbour shipping from the Far East was so completely bottled up by raids of Jap and Nazi undersea packs that war risk insurance rates covering tea cargoes rose to as high as 30 per cent," the A and P tea company report says.

"The latest schedule sees the insurance rate from Indian ports east of the Gulf of Aden to Calcutta at 2 per cent.

As a result of increased shipments, the grocery chain company reports, it again is able to mix tea from many chests, to achieve the best possible blends.

Cotton Receipts Into Bombay

Growth.	week ending 22nd March	Total receipts to date (in bales) since 1st Sept. 1944.	1943.
Wardha/Hinganhat/Nagpur	6,926	36,869	31,119
Oomra long staple	1,438	17,369	13,399
Oomra good staple	2,740	40,392	45,819
Oomra fair staples	21,920	165,485	198,013
Khandesh superior	2,460	24,993	39,043
Khandesh ordinary	2,063	34,151	44,134
Total Oomras	68,547	319,279	371,527
Dholleras/Mathia	5,220	60,789	20,664
Broach/Surat	4,194	78,665	97,853
Compta/Dharwar	2,710	37,503	13,019
Westerns/Northerns	594	24,010	5,352
Rajputana/N.-W. F. Provinces	189	1,177	1,707
Sind/Punjab	18,894	300,716	317,907
Tinny/Cambodia	3,610	9,792	808
Other Indian Sorts	.....	2,599	1,185
Soudan	.....	1	59,916
Egyptians	.....	147,367	103,317
East African	.....	64,013	56,326
Total	73,958	1,045,911	1,049,781

High And Low Cotton Prices

BOMBAY, March 23.

	Hi.	Low.	Closing at 6 p.m.	
I.C.C. March	459	455-1/2	456-3/4	
I.C.C. May	458-1/4	455-1/2	457-3/4	
I.C.C. July	472-1/2	469-1/2	471-3/4	
I.C.C. Sept.	480	477-1/2	479-3/4	
Karachi 4F May	47/7/0	47/2/0	47/5/3	
Punjab 289 F. sawgin	.....	.....		+215/40
Sind N.T.	440/480	525/540		+80
Muglai	350/360	435/445		.....

Post-War Sugar Trade Outlook

NEW YORK, March 22 (A. P. A.): An increased trend toward independence of India from world sugar markets is forecast in an analysis by Messrs. E. W. Axe & Co., an investment counsel concern.

"The people of India, who for years have depended on Gur, a substance containing only 70 per cent sugar, are learning to demand pure sugar," the report says.

"But instead of importing more sugar, refineries are being built there and the sugar cane is being raised there. Even before the war India was gradually withdrawing from the world sugar market."

Messrs Axe & Co. see, however, a "favourable" short-term outlook for Carribbean sugar producers who now are dominant in the world supply picture.

Regarding Cuba and related Caribbean sugar producing areas, they comment.

POST-WAR OUTLOOK

"The post-war outlook also appears to be moderately favourable, even though it seems probable that world production will recover sooner than seemed probable a year ago, and even though it is no longer possible to assume that the advantageous position of the Caribbean producers will continue indefinitely into the future."

"The extent to which Central European Beet Sugar production has been curtailed by the war is of course conjectural," the analysis says. "Russia, for example, has successfully encouraged production in new areas outside the Ukraine."

"England has expanded sugar beet acreage as a self-sufficiency measure."

The surveying firm believes, however, that the long-time upward trend of sugar consumption will continue, "stimulated by the new uses developed during the war and by Lend-Lease shipments which have accustomed the people of some areas to using pure sugar in place of sugar-like substances formerly used." India was mentioned specifically in this instance.

WORLD PRODUCTION

Statistics show current world sugar production, in the latest crop year, 1943-44, approximated 32,100,000 short tons of 2,000 pounds each, a decline of approximately 3,600,000 short tons from the 1939-40 crop year.

The rather steep decline reflects disruptions of production resulting from invasion of the Ukraine by Germany, and of the Philippines and Java by the Japanese. British empire and Allied or friendly areas in nearly all cases have vastly increased their output.

Production in Russia, Messrs. Axe & Co. predict, will be "fully restored" within two years after the war.

The outlook for Java and the Philippines, the analysis believe, is less favourable since "in tropical areas plantations soon revert to jungle, and it is believed that under Japanese control little sugar production has been maintained."

Cotton Room Rates

BOMBAY, March 24.

Jarilla Extra Spr-fine 473, Sup. 468 Fine 538, F. Good 530; 289F. Fun/ American Extra Spr-fine 499, Sup. 492 Fine 895, F. Good 480; L.S.S. Fun/ American Extra Spr-fine 549 Sup. 542, Fine 535, F. Good 530; 289W. Fun/ American Extra Spr-fine 524 Sup. 517, Fine 510, F. Good 505; M.G. 4F. 542/ American Extra Spr-fine 499, Sup. 492, Fine 485, F. Good 480. M.G. N. T. Extra Spr-fine 549. Sup. 542 Fine 535, F. Good 530

Ready Cotton Quotations

BOMBAY, March 24.

	1943/44 Crop.	1944/45 Crop.	Basis March Jarilla.
C.P. 1 Jarilla	.....	495/505	.....
C.P. 2 Jarilla	.....	490/495	.....
Berar Jarilla	375/385	475/485	.....
Punjab 289 F.	525/500	605/625	+160

COTTON TENDERS.

BOMBAY, March 24.

	To-day.	Total
March	20,500	146 800

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REGISTRATION OF MILK RATION CARDS IN SUBURBS

The registration of milk ration cards of children and expectant and nursing mothers in the urban areas of the Bombay Suburban District begins from Tuesday, March 27.

Registration will be done from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the morning centres and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the evening centres. Lists of the milk distribution centres have been kept at the Rationing Offices for reference by the public.

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NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from Law Graduates for the post of Civil Judge, Banswara State now temporarily vacant. Four or five years' Legal or Judicial experience necessary. Starting salary Rs. 125|- p. m. with Provident Fund benefit. In the first instance appointment will be on one year's probation. If made permanent the grade will be Rs. 140-10-250. Apply with full particulars before 15th April to the Chief Secretary, Banswara State (Rajputana). 2532

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

WANTED MANAGERS for new branches. A scheduled Bank wants Managers at Dadar, Matunga, Bandra, Kalbadevi. Persons able to influence business in these localities and guarantee results should apply with qualifications, experience and lowest salary expected to Box No. 7652 "Bombay Chronicle"

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NOTICE

From 1st April, 1945, the Reservation Office at Bombay Central will be entirely closed and reservation and issue of tickets for 1st and 2nd class passengers and their servants will be done at the Enquiry and Reservation Office, General Offices, Church Gate.

The Enquiry and Reservation Office at Church Gate will remain open on all days including Sundays and Holidays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

An Enquiry Office (Tele. No. 41083) will continue to remain open at Bombay Central throughout the day and and night for the purpose of enquiries only. 2616

WANTED

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for a temporary post of a tracer for this Inspectorate. A good knowledge of English and experience in tracing is necessary. The scale is Rs. 40-3-58-2-60 plus Rs. 14|- as dearness allowance.

Applications should be addressed to the Chief Inspector of Military Explosives, Kirkee, so as to reach him on or before the 2nd April, 1945. (Sanction Bombay E. Exc. No. 3057). 2613

NOTICE

WANTED an ASSISTANT LECTURER in English on Rs. 130-10-200 with house rent and dearness allowances admissible under the rules at the Sydenham College of Commerce and Economics, Bombay. Candidates should possess at least a First Class B.A. Degree and preferably a First Class or Second Class M.A. Degree. Age limit 25.

For further particulars write to the Principal. Last date for receiving applications 23-4-1945. 1½ anna stamped envelope to accompany enquiry. 2615

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS INVITED from British and Indian States subjects for temporary posts of Gujerati typists in Bureau of Public Information, Government of India. Vacancies likely to last for duration of war, Age 18-35. Salary Rs. 60-2-80-3-125. Candidates must have passed Matriculation or equivalent examination and be able to type in Gujerati with speed and accuracy. Ability to translate from English into Gujerati and good handwriting essential. Preference will be given to those who have journalistic experience. Higher initial salary may be given to deserving candidates. Candidates should submit details of journalistic and other qualifications together with references and copies of testimonials. Applications should be submitted in Gujerati in candidates' own handwriting. A number of candidates will be invited to appear before a Selection Committee in Bombay for test and interview at their own expense. Applications should reach Asst. Principal Information Officer, Bureau of Public Information, Government of India, New Delhi, not later than April 9, 1945. 2617

NOTIFICATION

OWING to a sudden rise in the number of candidates at the Inter-Arts, Inter-Science, Inter-Commerce and the B.-Com. examinations, it has become incumbent on the University to hold some of these examinations in the northern part of the city, as the accommodation available in the colleges in the South is not sufficient. Accordingly, some of the candidates at the Inter-Science examination will be accommodated in the Ramnarain Ruia and the R. A. Podar Colleges at Dadar. The Inter-Arts, the Inter-Commerce and the B.Com. examinations will be held at the usual places in the South. Details about the numbers accommodated in each of the places of examination are as under:—

INTER ARTS			
(1) St. Xavier's College	Nos.	1	897
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INTER-SCIENCE			
(1) Elphinstone College	„	1	450
(2) Ramnarain Ruia College	„	451	1141
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INTER COM.			
(1) Sydenham College	„	1	414
(2) Sukhadwala Bldg.	„	415	640
B. COM.			
(1) Wilson College	„	1	385

S. R. DONGERKERY,
Registrar,
University of Bombay.
14th March, 1945. (2529)

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY.

NOTICE.

THE FOLLOWING PLOTS will be put to public auction by the undersigned in his office at 2-30 P.M. (S.T.) on the dates mentioned against them:—

Scheme	Estate or locality.	Plot No.	Approximate area in sq. yds.	User	Deposit Rs.	Date of payable Auction.
			EX-TRUST PLOTS TO BE LEASED			
29	Nowroji Hill	95	735	Shops, offices, godowns & residences.	2,000	4-4-1945
„	„	102	606	„	2,000	„
„	„	103	765	„	2,000	„
6	Sion Matunga 1 (West)	1,780		Residences	1,000	„
57	Sewri Wadala (North)	91	831	„	1,000	„
„	„	92	899	„	1,000	„
29	Nowroji Hill	11A (together with building known as "Anand Bhuwan")	661	Shops, Offices, godowns & residences.	10,000	5-4-1945
37	Sydenham Road.	82	264	„	2,000	„
„	„	86	225	„	2,000	„
			MUNICIPAL PLOT TO BE LEASED			
Municipal land at the junction of Haines Road & Love Grove Road.		1	1,460	Unrestricted	2,000	„

Parties desiring to bid at the auction will have, prior to the auction to deposit with the Municipality the amount mentioned against each plot. If payment is to be made by cheques, they should be sent at least three days prior to the date of auction. No cheques will be accepted on the date of auction, except from recognised Architects or Brokers. An unsuccessful bidder for a plot can avail himself of his deposit for bidding for the next plot. A successful bidder, however, will have to pay a fresh deposit before bidding for the next plot. The deposit will be forfeited if the approved bidder withdraws his bid.

Copies of full particulars of auction and special conditions relating to the plot to be leased together with a site plan will be supplied on application to the undersigned on payment of Annas Eight in each case.

The building can be inspected on any day as it is tenanted.

The conditions of the lease and other particulars can be inspected at the office of the undersigned during office hours on any working day except Saturday.

Bombay,
24th March 1945.

A. R. MANERIKAR,
Estate Agent & Land Manager. 2612

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS INVITED to fill temporary non-gazetted appointments in Survey of India, which will be for duration of war subject to termination on one month's notice. Initial pay according qualifications minimum Rs. 100|- for graduates, pay for First Division Intermediates will be fixed after test and interview, annual increments not less than Rs. 10|-. Incumbents will be considered for appointment to Upper Subordinate Service carrying maximum pay of Rs. 240|- per mensem, with chances promotion gazetted appointments carrying maximum pay Rs. 600|-. If permanently appointed service in temporary post counts for leave and pension.

Candidates must be physically fit and between 18 and 25 years of age on 1st June, 1945; must have passed degree examination of recognized University with mathematics or geography or Intermediate examination in first division with mathematics (those with free hand and map drawing qualifications preferred) and must be willing join Survey Supplementary Reserve for which 25% additional pay granted. Reservists have liability active military service with Indian Survey Units in or out of India. When mobilized, emoluments are further enhanced upto 100% according to local conditions.

Application forms, obtainable from Director, Frontier Circle, Survey of India, Murree, Punjab, must be completed and returned to that office by 16th April, 1945.

Applicants must come at own expense for interview and test at Bangalore, Calcutta or Lahore on 8th May, 1945. Selected Candidates required to join at Mansehra, Hazara District, North-West Frontier Province by 1st June, 1945. 2580

NOTICE

UJJAIN SINGHASTH MELA BANNED

In the interest of the intending pilgrims it is hereby announced that considering the shortage of foodstuffs and difficulties of transport due to war time, the Gwalior Government has banned the holding of the Singhasth Fair, the second phase of which is to take place from March, 1945 to June, 1945.

The Resident for Central India has also notified a ban on travel from any place within the railway lands in G. I. to Ujjain for taking part in the Singhasth Mela. 161

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

THE BANK will be CLOSED on FRIDAY, the 30th March, 1945 that day being a Public Holiday (GOOD FRIDAY) under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

N. G. IRVINE,
Secretary & Treasurer.
Bombay, 20th March, 1945. 2611

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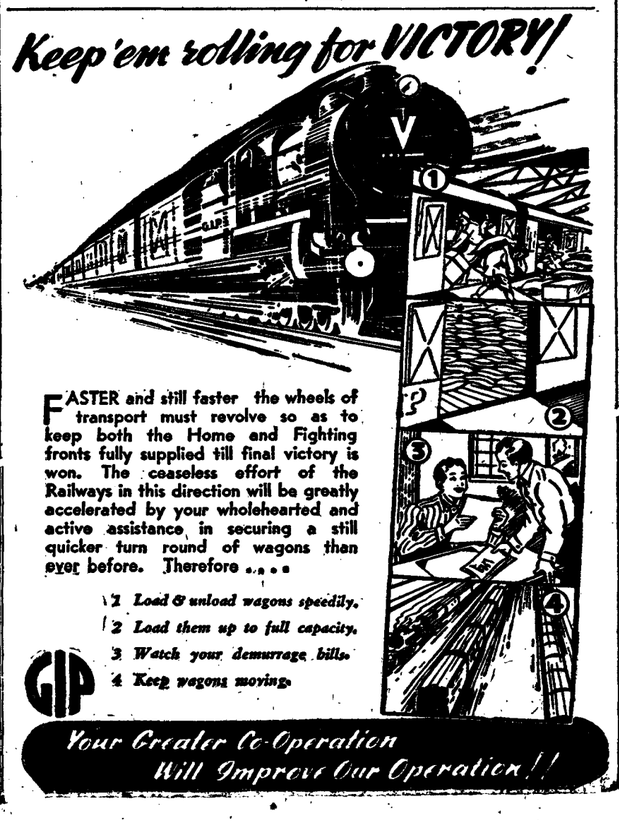
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